



# SCORPIONS

## Description and Habits

Scorpions are easily distinguished by their crab-like appearance with two large pincers, four pairs of legs and long, segmented, fleshy tail ending in an enlarged tip bearing the stinger. The stinger venom is normally used to paralyze the insects and spiders upon which the scorpions feed.

The sting of most scorpions is quite painful. Scorpions found in California are not deadly, but all scorpion stings should be considered dangerous and require medical attention.

Scorpions found in California measure from less than one inch to over three inches in length. They usually move about at night, hiding during the day under floors, boards, sand boxes, debris or the bark of trees. In dry regions, they are attracted to damp areas such as around air conditioning units and evaporators.

## What To Do!

**Outside** the house, spray a 6-foot-wide band around exterior perimeter with a registered residual pesticide. Residual sprays are long lasting, but they are also hazardous. Do not apply where children may contact the material.

Treat siding and porches, foundations, joists and subfloor supports of buildings, as well as the ground under the structures. Treat rough outbuildings, such as privies and garages.

Eliminate accumulations of debris, stacks of lumber or stored household effects from basements or places adjacent to the house. These places serve as hiding places for the pest. The combination of sanitation and chemical control should provide protection for about two months.

**Inside** the house, treat baseboards, molding, wall voids, under sinks, around cracks and corners, under furniture and in attics.

If you live in an area where scorpions are abundant, shake clothing and inspect shoes before dressing.

Use only approved pesticides specifically recommended for scorpions. Carefully follow the manufacturer's directions and use only for the intended purpose.

### WARNING

**Pesticides are poisonous and should be handled with care, stored in locked cabinets out of reach of children, pets or irresponsible persons and used only according to the directions on the label. Follow all precautions given on the label. Do not spray near fish ponds, garden vegetables, animal feeds or water.**



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